



The Georgia Senate This Week

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Amy's Law passes Senate, heads to House

*A*my Yates was just days away from her ninth birthday when she disappeared in April of 2004. Hours after a *Levi's Call* was put out, the little girl with long hair and an infectious smile was found murdered in the trailer park where she lived in Carrollton. Her death stunned the entire community – but they and the rest of the state were even more shocked and appalled to learn that the little girl had been murdered by another child.

Within days, it would be revealed that the alleged murderer could only be institutionalized for two to four years. This week, the Senate voted to change that law, giving Juvenile Court Judges more say in the sentencing of juveniles – those under the age of 13 – in murder cases. Those who fall under the proposed law could be sent to a juvenile facility or to a treatment center. Juveniles age 13 and up can be tried as adults.

“If you take a gun to school, you can receive a sentence of five years,” Sen. **Bill Hamrick** of the 30th said after the legislation passed. “Under current law, the penalties for gun possession or stealing a car are harsher than those for murder.”

Under Sen. **Hamrick's** bill, Senate Bill 522, children 12 and under who commit murder, can be locked up until age 21. Sen. **Hamrick** co-chaired the Juvenile Code Rewrite Study Commission last year to study all aspects of Georgia's juvenile code. *Amy's Law* came out of recommendations from that Study Commission. The Commission has been renewed for another year.

Amy's Law is limited to murder cases, and does not affect other serious crimes perpetrated by juveniles such as rape or armed robbery. The legislation passed 45-0 and now goes to the House of Representatives for debate.

Fighting may be over for dogs, cocks and . . . fish

*I*n a move to clarify Georgia's anti-dog fighting law, the Senate voted 52-4 to strengthen the law, banning dog fighting and making it illegal to train dogs to fight, then using them for that purpose in other states where the practice is legal. During the debate, Sen. **Steen Miles** of the 43rd added an amendment to the legislation that also would ban the “sport” of cockfighting – adding “fish and fowl” to the measure.

“This is happening all over our state,” Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21st, who sponsored the bill said. “This is something that is dangerous and something that should not be going on.”

Title Pawn legislation protects consumers and their cars, regulates industry

Pawnbrokers will not be able to repossess vehicular units without first notifying the owners – giving them the opportunity to pay up or lose their wheels. Under a measure sponsored by Sen. **Hamrick**, any business that offers motor vehicle title pawns will be regulated by the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs and must be renewed every two years.

"We have to protect the consumer," Sen. **Hamrick** said. "Too often people don't understand what they are getting into when they enter into an agreement like this. Pawning your car title should be a short-term solution. All too often people use it to solve their long-term needs."



Under the provisions of the legislation, consumers will have 20 days to redeem their car, van or SUV by paying the principal, unpaid interest, pawnshop charges, and any repossession and storage fees. If the vehicle is not redeemed within the 20 days, the pawnbroker must sell the vehicle within 60 days and return any profit to the consumer.

The legislation also prohibits the accrual of interest and pawnshop charges on a member of the military who has pawned a vehicle and has been deployed to combat.

"As a result of this effort, we now have a bi-partisan measure that I believe addresses some of the most egregious problems connected with the title loan industry," Sen. **Miles**, who co-sponsored the legislation, said.

Parents must OK school clubs kids join

Legislation that will require parents to give permission for their children to drop out of school was amended this week to mandate that parents also approve any club or extra-curricular activity their child participates in while attending a public school in Georgia.

The amendment, sponsored by Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** of the 50th, compels parents to give prior approval if their child wants to join the drama club, the math club or the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Many speculate that the legislation came about after clubs that target gay and lesbian students started springing up in the State.

"For years and years no one made a decision for or against our children without first obtaining permission from parents," Sen. **Schaefer** said. "Suddenly that has changed. Now almost anyone can do whatever they want to our children. They don't even have to tell parents, much less ask for permission."

Sen. **Dan Moody** of the 56th sponsored Senate Bill 413 to make it more difficult for students to drop out of school before completing their diploma.

In Committee Action...

Agriculture and Consumer Affairs

On Wednesday, March 1, Chairman **John Bulloch** of the 11th called the Committee to order to discuss two bills. *Senate Bill 380*, which will create an agricultural commodity commission for equines, was introduced by **Sen. Brian Kemp** of the 46th. He noted that a few small changes had been made at the suggestion of Department of Agriculture Veterinarian Dr. **Sue Myers** and from the Commission of Agriculture. The bill passed unanimously by Substitute. Rep. **Tom McCall** of the 30th introduced *House Bill 1213* which requires dealers, brokers and poultry market operators to dispose of dead poultry in accordance with OCGA 4-5-5. It would also prohibit the slaughter of poultry on the premises of the dealer, broker or sales establishment. The primary concern, Rep. **McCall** said, is to do everything possible to prevent the emergence of avian flu. The bill passed unanimously out of Committee.

Appropriations

The Senate Appropriations Committee met to take up Senate Bill 556, legislation that will eliminate the Legislative Budget Office. The measure, which is sponsored by Sen. **Jack Hill** of the 4th, was given a do-pass recommendation. It now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

Banking and Financial Institutions

Chairman **Bill Hamrick** of the 30th called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 28. Sen. **Don Balfour** of the 9th introduced *Senate Bill 505*, which exempts persons with an exclusive written agreement with a financial holding company from obtaining a mortgage broker/lender license. The Committee heard from **Pete Robinson** from Citigroup Management Corporation, who spoke in favor of the legislation. Then the Committee heard from **Ronnie Rose**, president of the Georgia Association of Mortgage Brokers, who spoke in opposition to the bill. Sen. **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47th offered an amendment to adjust a typographical error. Sen. **Steve Thompson** of the 33rd then made a motion to change the quorum requirement from seven members to five members. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Committee then unanimously passed *SB 505* out of Committee by Substitute. The Committee then held a public hearing on 9-1-1 emergency service for ATMs. Sen. **John Douglas** of the 17th, sponsor of *SB 513*, explained the legislation to the Committee and yielded to questions. **Michael Boyd**, the husband of **Kimberly Boyd** who died in a carjacking four months ago, spoke to the Committee in favor of the legislation and answered questions about its implementation.

Economic Development and Tourism

The Committee met on Wednesday, March 1, and Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18th presented *Senate Bill 414*. The bill, known as the *Rural Georgia Economic Development Act of 2006*, would allow the creation of community improvement districts (CIDs) to improve and add to the infrastructure of rural Georgia counties. **Neil Herring**, a lobbyist for the Georgia chapter of the Sierra Club, spoke against the bill, citing concerns with several different aspects of the proposal. **Gwin Copeland** of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and **Matthew Hicks** of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) both spoke in favor of *SB 414*, if the changes they recommended were included in the bill. The legislation was amended to include GMA's recommended language, and language that Chairman **Jeff Mullis** of the 53rd suggested concerning the role of the Department of Community Affairs in the process. The Committee Substitute to *SB 414* then passed unanimously as amended. Sen. **Staton** then presented the Committee Substitute to *Senate Resolution 682*, which proposes an amendment to the state constitution removing limitations on the types of property within a CID that can be subject to taxes, fees and assessments. The resolution accompanies *SB 414*, and it also passed by a unanimous vote.

Education and Youth

Chairman **Dan Moody** of the 56th called a meeting to order on Tuesday, February 28, to consider two bills. Sen. **Ronnie Chance** of the 16th presented the Committee Substitute to *House Bill 984*, which incorporates the provisions of *Senate Bill 424*. The legislation will allow up to five excused absences for a student whose parent or guardian is on active duty in U.S. military service or the National Guard. The Committee Substitute to *HB 984* passed unanimously. Sen. **Nancy Schaefer** of the 50th then presented *SB 430*, which would require parental consent prior to the mental screening of any student in a local school system. School social workers from Henry and Cobb Counties spoke against the legislation, stating the bill's definition of "mental screening" was too broad. Other educators and concerned citizens supported the legislation, saying that parental consent is crucial to a child's well-being in public school affairs. After a lengthy discussion, Sen. **Moody** held *SB 430* in Committee for further study.

Ethics

The Senate Ethics Committee did not meet this week.

Finance

On Tuesday, February 28, Chairman **Casey Cagle** of the 49th called the meeting to order to discuss four bills and a resolution. **Tom Daniel** and **Bill Bowes** with the University System of Georgia introduced *Senate Bill 562*, authored by Sen. **Dan Weber** of the 40th. The bill would allow the University System to issue revenue bonds for certain Department of Adult and Technical Education and University System facilities, such as dorms, parking decks, etc. **Bowes** noted that this creates a valuable alternative to using general obligation bonds. Following questions from the Committee, the bill passed unanimously. *House Bills 1157* and *1182* were introduced by **Ed Many**, Deputy Commissioner for Tax Administration with the Georgia Department of Revenue. *HB 1157* provides income tax credits for employers who provide retraining programs for their employees. *HB 1182* provides for a sales and use tax exemption for certain hall of fame attractions. Both bills passed unanimously out of Committee. Rep. **Chuck Martin** of the 47th introduced his bill, *HB 560*, which would amend the Official Code of Georgia regarding ascertainment of taxable property by changing certain provisions regarding the circumstances under which county boards of tax assessors can change the valuation of real property established on appeal. The bill passed unanimously out of Committee. Sen. **Kasim Reed** of the 35th came before the Committee to confirm that *Senate Resolution 871* be assigned to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee rather than the Finance Committee.

Health and Human Services

On Tuesday, February 28, Chairman **Don Thomas** of the 54th called the meeting to order to discuss a number of bills. *Senate Bill 349*, which provides parents with information on meningococcal meningitis, passed unanimously out of Committee. *SB 422* was introduced by sponsor Sen. **Renee Unterman** of the 45th. The bill, which would change the scope of chiropractic practice, drew speakers both in support and in opposition. **Mark Bernardy** with the Georgia Radiological Society spoke in support with the recommendation for three changes, including interpretation, self-referral and vicarious liability. Speaking in opposition to the legislation were **Barry Doublestein**, D.O., Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association; **D. Ann Travis**, M.D., Georgia Academy of Family Practice; **Michael Greene**, M.D., Medical Association of Georgia and **Rick Ward** with the Georgia Academy of Pediatricians. **Robert Highsmith**, attorney with Holland and Knight and representing the Georgia Chiropractic Association (GCA), spoke in support of the legislation. **Aubrey Villines** with the GCA also answered questions from the Committee. The Committee agreed to amend the language as recommended by **Bernardy**, and the bill passed unanimously out of committee as amended. Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52nd gave the subcommittee report on *SB 211*, which would allow optometrists to prescribe four specific antibiotic drugs for their patients. Sen. **Smith** said that the subcommittee had talked with numerous individuals including optometrists and that the bill, as written, was not acceptable and recommended a "do not pass" vote. Following questions, the Committee gave the Senate a do not pass recommendation.

Higher Education

The Senate Higher Education Committee met on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. At of press time, a summary was not available.

Insurance and Labor

Chairman **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47th called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 23. Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21st introduced *Senate Bill 531*, which changes provisions in uninsured motorist policy to narrow such policy to require the payment of insured damages for bodily injury, death or destruction of property. The Committee heard testimony from representatives of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and State Farm Insurance on a proposed amendment to the legislation. This amendment would limit the plaintiff's search for a missing defendant to a time period of 12 months. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the amendment. *SB 531* then passed out of Committee unanimously.

Interstate Cooperation

Chairman **Ed Harbison** of the 15th called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 28. Rep. **Ronald Forster** of the 3rd introduced *House Bill 1067*, which names chairpersons from the Senate and House Committees on Interstate Cooperation to the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation. The legislation also allows the commission to become a member in nonpartisan regional, national and international organizations that promote interstate or international cooperation. The bill passed out of Committee unanimously.

Judiciary

On Thursday, February 23, the Committee met to take up five bills on its agenda. Sen. **John Bulloch** of the 11th presented *Senate Bill 533*, which clarifies language in the model living will form, specifying exactly which life-sustaining procedures a declarant may or may not want. Chairman **Preston Smith** of the 52nd suspended action on the bill until a doctor was present to be certain that the language was clear enough. Sen. **Bulloch** then presented *SB 534*, which will give conservators the same responsibilities as other fiduciaries, such as trustees and executors. The bill passed unanimously. Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32nd presented *SB 542*, which revises witness requirements for durable power of attorney for healthcare. Current law mandates that a patient execute a durable power of attorney for healthcare in front of two witnesses and an attending physician. This legislation allows a patient to execute in front of two witnessed, at least one of whom is a clinical staff member, social worker, social services worker, or, if the patient is in a nursing home, the medical director or a physician who is not participating in the patient's care. **Beverly Tyler** of the Georgia Health Decisions, **Melanie McNeil** of the Georgia Council of Aging and **Brian Looby** of the Medical Association of Georgia testified in support of the bill. Sen. **Hill** asked to make a few minor changes to the bill, and the bill passed unanimously by Substitute. Sen. **Hill** then presented the subcommittee's recommendations on *SB 393*, which will increase the penalties for stalking. After some discussion by the Committee, Sen. **Smith** recommended that the subcommittee continue to study the bill and report back at a later date. Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7th then brought *SB 396* back before the Committee in the form of a Committee Substitute. The bill provides that a person has no duty to retreat when their life is threatened in any place they legally have the right to be. The Substitute includes immunity from civil liability when using justifiable force in self defense. **Alice Johnson**, representing Georgians for Gun Safety, spoke in opposition to the bill. The bill passed unanimously by Committee Substitute. The Committee then turned their attention back to *SB 533*, now having Dr. **Richard Cohen** present to testify that the language was indeed clear and easily understandable for those filling out a living will form. Upon his testimony, the bill passed unanimously by Substitute.

On Wednesday, March 1, the Committee met to take up four resolutions and one bill. Before discussing the bills, Sen. **Smith** indicated that the Committee would delay action on *Senate Resolution 1048*. Sen. **Bill Hamrick** of the 30th then presented *SB 503*, which enacts new regulations for indigent defense fees. Representatives of the Georgia Public Defenders Council were present to provide testimony and take questions on the bill. Sen. **John Wiles** of the 37th raised a concern that sections of the bill were in conflict with *SB 203*, passed earlier

this session. Sen. **Smith** reserved action on the bill until copies of *SB 203* could be provided to the Committee. Sen. **Hamrick** then presented *SR 793*, which adopts the standard for removal for cause of a public defender. After some discussion, Sen. **Smith** presented a Committee Substitute, and the resolution passed unanimously by Substitute. *SR 954*, which is a resolution providing for the ratification of the Personal Standards for Criminal Defense Representation in Indigent Criminal Cases, was adopted by the Georgia Public Defenders Standards Council. The resolution, also presented by Sen. **Hamrick**, passed unanimously. Sen. **Hamrick** then spoke to *SR 955*, which ratifies and approves the minimum performance standards promulgated by the Georgia Public Defenders Standards Council for representation of juveniles in delinquency cases. This resolution also passed with unanimous support. Sen. **Smith** then directed the Committee's attention back to *SB 503*. With a copy of *SB 203* before them, Sen. **Wiles** moved that language in Section 1 be stricken to avoid conflict with *SB 203*. Three other amendments were also offered, two of which deleted language elsewhere in the bill and one which substituted language that revises the indigency determination standard. All four amendments were adopted, requiring a Committee Substitute. The Committee Substitute was adopted, and the bill passed unanimously by Substitute.

Natural Resources and Environment

The Committee met Thursday, February 23, and was called to order by Chairman **Ross Tolleson** of the 20th. Sen. **Chip Pearson** of the 51st returned with a Substitute to *Senate Bill 510*, which seeks to give property owners the opportunity for relief when additional stream buffer mandates are imposed by local governments. **Wayne Allen**, Deputy Legislative Counsel, walked through the changes section by section. The Substitute would allow landowners to build a single-family dwelling within the additional buffer area, so long as certain criteria are met and approved by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD). The exemptions for single-family dwellings apply to standards for buffers along streams, water supply reservoirs, and standards for land use activities and densities. It also directs the EPD to grant variances for land-disturbing activities so long as certain criteria are met, and allows local governments to develop storm-water management ordinances in lieu of complying with minimum standards set by EPD. The variances and storm-water management ordinances apply only to buffers along streams and water supply reservoirs in small water supply watersheds. Following Sen. **Pearson's** presentation of the bill, former Senator **Guy Middleton** and **Steve Gooch**, chairman of County Commissioners, testified in support of the bill. **Jim Stokes** of the Georgia Conservancy and the Water Coalition, **Betsy Nicholas** of the Upper Chattahoochee River Keeper and **Mark Woodall** of the Sierra Club testified in opposition of the bill. **Tom Gehl** of the Georgia Municipal Association and **Todd Edwards** of the Association of County Commissioners, who previously opposed the bill, testified that the Substitute was a reasonable compromise, and eliminated their concerns with the legislation. *SB 510* then passed by Substitute by a vote of 5 to 2.

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Chairman **Brian Kemp** of the 46th called the meeting to order on Monday February 27. Committee members heard the final public hearing on *Senate Bill 529*, the *Georgia Security/Immigration Compliance Act*. **Susan Martarell**, a social worker in metro Atlanta, told members that the bill could have a negative impact on public health. **D. A. King** testified that he supports the bill because it will begin to make the State enforce the rule of law covering illegal immigrants. Several public health workers also stated that the bill's impact on public health could cause major problems for emergency rooms in the State. Landscape company owner **Jeff Herman** told the Committee that his business has seen significant impact from his competition because of their use of undocumented workers. **Herman** wants a level playing field and says that the use of undocumented workers makes it impossible to compete. Several others offered testimony both for and against the bill.

The Committee met again on Tuesday, February 28. Sen. **Kemp** introduced *Senate Resolution 1025*. The bill proposes creation of a constitutional amendment for a horse tag to promote the equine industry in Georgia. Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21st then presented *SB 529* for final vote. Sen. **Rogers** thanked the Committee and Sen. **Sam Zamarripa** of the 36th for their hard work on this final version of the *Georgia Security/Immigration Compliance Act*. After detailing the changes to the Committee Substitute, including new regulations to crack down on notario who prey on immigrants by offering legal help to gain citizenship. The

Committee approved the bill by a vote of 6-2. Sen. **Jeff Mullis** of the 53rd presented *SB 581*. This bill allows the State's public safety training center to provide Emergency Medical Training. Sen. **Mullis** stated that the training is in line with other programs offered at the center. The bill passed out of Committee unanimously.

Reapportionment and Redistricting

The Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee did not meet this week.

Regulated Industries and Utilities

The Committee met on Monday, February 27, to consider *Senate Resolution 865*. Chairman **Mitch Seabaugh** of the 28th presented *SR 865*, which urges electric utilities to study the feasibility of building new nuclear power plants in Georgia. Representatives of the Sierra Club and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy spoke against the resolution, stating that the cost of constructing a new nuclear plant in the State would be exorbitant. Public Service Commissioner **H. Doug Everett** and representatives of Georgia Power spoke in favor of the legislation, saying that Georgia will need more baseline power capacity by 2010. *SR 865* passed out of Committee by a vote of 5 to 1.

Retirement

On Thursday, February 23, Chairman **Bill Heath** of the 31st called the meeting to order to discuss several bills. **Bob Carter**, secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Probate Court Judges' Retirement Fund, spoke on behalf of *House Bill 251*, which would allow a judge to designate as his beneficiary a person other than a spouse with whom the member has a familiar relationship through blood, marriage or adoption. Legislative counsel **David Bundrick** noted that the bill cannot be introduced in the Senate until it is certified by legal counsel. Following questions from the Committee, the bill passed unanimously out of Committee. **Jim Maynard**, secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, discussed *HB 660*, which would allow members to obtain creditable service for a break in service as a result of active military duty, and would change provisions relating to the calculation of creditable service by authorizing the Board to calculate those services on a monthly rather than an annual basis. The bill unanimously passed by Substitute. *HB 809* was introduced by its sponsor, Rep. **David Knight** of the 126th and Sen. **Johnny Grant** of the 25th. The legislation amends provisions relating to survivors' benefits for members of the Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund by providing a post-retirement benefit adjustment for certain retired members who are receiving benefits as of July 1, 2006. Following discussion and questions from Sen. **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47th and Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32nd, additional insight was provided by **Bundrick** and by **Carol Schwinne** with the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts. The bill passed out of Committee unanimously.

Rules

The Senate Rules Committee did not meet this week.

Science and Technology

Chairman **David Shafer** of the 48th called the meeting to order on Wednesday, March 1. Sen. **Shafer** presented *Senate Bill 596*, which creates the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative and the New Born Umbilical Cord Blood Bank. The legislation also makes it illegal for any person or entity to perform human cloning, or to ship and receive an embryo produced by human cloning. The Committee heard testimony from medical experts, who supported the bill, and audience members, who opposed the definitions of human cloning. Sen. **Shafer** decided to hold the bill to hear further public comments.

Special Judiciary

On Wednesday, March 1, Chairman **Michael Meyer von Bremen** of the 12th called the meeting to order to discuss several bills. Representative **Howard Maxwell** of the 17th introduced *House Bill 594*. The legislation would allow bail bondsmen's fees to include not only the principle, but also all applicable surcharges. The bill passed unanimously out of Committee. Sen. **Joseph Carter** of the 13th introduced *Senate Bill 573*, which would allow condominium developers to withdraw escrow funds in excess of one percent of the purchase price of the condominium to fund construction and development of the property. This would apply only to properties worth more than \$150,000. The bill passed unanimously out of Committee. There was a brief discussion of *SB 564*, sponsored by Sen. **Meyer von Bremen**, but no vote was taken. *SB 564* would amend the O.C.G.A. to provide that an agreement of mandatory arbitration contain certain notices. Sen. **David Adelman** of the 42nd took over as chairman of the Committee and presented *HB 912*. The Committee heard from **Roger Martin** who said that the Georgia Hospital Association and the Georgia Trial Lawyers, as well as the State Bar of Georgia, had approved the Substitute, which amends current provisions relating to discovery of nonparties. The bill, having been discussed in a previous meeting, was passed unanimously out of Committee.

State and Local Governmental Operations

Senator **John Wiles** of the 37th called the meeting to order on February 28. Sen. **Jeff Mullis** of the 53rd introduced *Senate Bill 524* for a public hearing and consideration by the Committee. The bill prevents local noise ordinances from being put into place and allows landowners to use off-road vehicles on their property for training and sport. It includes a 100-yard buffer from residences around the land for noise purposes. **Jim Grubiak** with the ACCG and **Lamar Norton** with the GMA stated that they have reservations with the bill, because it would remove control of noise ordinances from the hands of local government. **John Clayton** with the Southern Strategy Group told the Committee that his group supports the bill because it will help protect the rights of property owners. The bill passed out of Committee with unanimous support. Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29th introduced *SB 563*. The bill increases the per-diem pay for Superior Court Bailiffs in Georgia from \$70 to \$100 a day. The bill passed out of Committee with unanimous support.

State Institutions and Property

Chairman **Johnny Grant** of the 25th called the meeting to order on March 1 to discuss *Senate Bill 592*, which allows the public sale of surplus items by the Department of Administrative Services at a fixed price. Sen. **Grant** stated that the sales could generate a great deal of new revenue, by allowing the public more access to the property and eliminating the bidding process for the sale of the less profitable items. **Steve Ekin** with the Department of Administrative Services told the Committee they have had tremendous results with the online auction for surplus. Some items, like desks and computers, not sell as well online and could be better sold at a flat rate. After discussion, the bill was passed out of Committee with unanimous support.

Transportation

Vice-Chairman **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** of the 24th called the Committee to order on Thursday, February 23, for a public hearing on *House Bill 294*. Sen. **Don Balfour** of the 9th and Rep. **Melvin Everson** of the 106th presented the Committee Substitute to *HB 294*, which would allow a county or municipality to use a photographic speed-measuring system in school zones during normal school hours. Proposed fines for speeding in a school zone would be no more than \$100. Representatives of Snellville and Gwinnett County Police and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety spoke in favor of the bill.

The Committee reconvened on Tuesday, February 28, to hear several pieces of legislation. Sen. **Ross Tolleson** of the 20th presented *Senate Resolution 433*, which designates the *Mayor Johnny Bradfield Highway* in Telfair County. *SR 433* passed by a unanimous vote. Next, **Sen. Tolleson** presented *SR 434*, which designates *Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.* in Telfair County. *SR 434* also passed through unanimously. Sen. **Balfour** and Rep. **Everson** appeared again before the Committee to present *HB 294*, which was heard during the last

meeting. Sen. **Balfour** stated there were no significant changes to the bill since the last meeting, and *HB 294* passed by a unanimous vote. Sen. **John Wiles** of the 37th presented *SR 848*, designating the *Antoine J. Holt Memorial Bridge*, and the resolution passed by a unanimous vote. Sen. **Wiles** then presented *SR 849*, which would designate the *Kimberly Boyd Memorial Bridge*. **Mike Boyd** then spoke to the Committee, saying the dedication would be a great honor to his wife Kimberly, who was abducted and killed last year. *SR 849* passed through Committee unanimously. Sen. **Wiles** and Rep. **Harry Geisinger** of the 48th presented *HB 854*, which repeals the prohibition of the sale or exchange of public transportation tokens, transfers, transaction cards or tickets without consent. After a representative of MARTA spoke in favor of the bill, it passed by a unanimous vote. Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32nd and Rep. **Joe Wilkinson** of the 52nd presented the Committee Substitute to *HB 1190*, which will improve the ability of the State Road and Tollway Authority to pursue those who repeatedly violate toll requirements. *HB 1190* passed by a vote of 10 to 2. Sen. **Bill Heath** of the 31st and Rep. **Tom Graves** of the 12th presented *HB 1106*, which changes the weight of vehicle and load requirements for those hauling construction aggregates such as gravel or dirt. *HB 1106* also passed by a unanimous vote.

Veterans and Military Affairs

Chairman **John Douglas** of the 17th called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 23. **Jace Walden**, First Lieutenant in the Georgia National Guard, testified before the Committee in favor of a Committee Substitute to *Senate Bill 538*, which would create special license plates honoring veterans of the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Substitute would allow spouses of National Guard members to keep the free license plate when the member is killed in combat. The Substitute passed unanimously out of Committee. **Walden** also spoke to *SB 539*, which creates a special license plate for veterans of the Global War on Terrorism and Enduring Freedom. The bill passed out of Committee unanimously. Senator **Emanuel Jones** of the 10th introduced *SB 402*, which would create free license plates for Bronze Star recipients. However, Sen. **Douglas** requested Sen. **Jones** look into getting a fiscal note and review the requirement of a front/back license plate before bringing the bill before the Committee next week. The Committee also passed *House Resolution 1425*, recognizing the United Services Organization, unanimously. Sen. **Seth Harp** of the 29th then introduced *SB 523*, which creates a Gold Star license plate honoring the family members of service members killed in action. *SB 523* passed out of Committee unanimously.

Georgia State Senate First Readers

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Senate Resolutions

- SR 962** Potter Street Elementary School; congratulate
Sen. **John Bulloch** (11th)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 963** Peanut Butter and Jelly Day at the Capitol; recognize March 8, 2006
Sens. **John Bulloch** (11th) and **Ross Tolleson** (20th)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 964** Isom, Mr. James Melton; recognize
Sen. **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 965** Donald, Sharon Taylor; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 966** Crow, Sherrie Bridges; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 967** Ferguson, Robin; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 968** Phelps, Elizabeth Patrice; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 969** Goodloe, Jan; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 970** Bundschu, Susan; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 971** Kandrach, Anna H.; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 972** Ghilardi, Colleen; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 973** Weber, Glenda; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 974** McClamb, Yolanda Simuel; commend
Sen. **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06

- SR 975** Hampton, Miss Adria; recognize
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st); **Judson Hill** (32nd) and **John Wiles** (37th)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 976** Ernstes, Ryan; recognize
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st); **John Wiles** (37th) and **Bill Stephens** (27th)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 977** Youth Assembly/Junior Youth Assembly; commend
Sens. **Bill Heath** (31st); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Dan Moody** (56th) and **Bill Stephens** (27th)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 978** Town of Thunderbolt; commemorating 150th anniversary
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 979** Holloway, Technical Sergeant Clayton E.; congratulate
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 980** Scroggs, Master Sergeant Sandra; congratulate
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 981** Braman, Captain Gretchen; congratulate
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 982** Lewis, Senior Airman Samuel L.; congratulate
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 983** Sullivan, Tammy Paige; congratulate
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 984** Nguyen, Hongchau N.; congratulate
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 985** Dixon, Merritt Woodhull "Quint"; congratulate
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 986** Smalls, Regina A.; congratulate
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 987** St. Philip Monumental A.M.E. Church; recognize
Sen. **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 988** Stonecypher, Mr. James Groves; condolences
Sen. **John Douglas** (17th)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 989** Douglas, Mrs. Katherine Gilmer; condolences
Sen. **John Douglas** (17th)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06

- SR 990** Bethany Nursing Center; commend
Sen. **Jack Hill** (4th)
Read and Adopted – 02/23/06
- SR 991** Hoffmeyer, Allen; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Johnny Grant** (25th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 992** Caylor, Jennifer M.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Don Thomas** (54th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 993** Willis, Blake K.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 994** McGill, Emily R.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Tim Golden** (8th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 995** Broman, Elizabeth J.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Casey Cagle** (49th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 996** Lanier, Dwight David; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Casey Cagle** (49th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 997** Salter, Joy Elizabeth; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Ross Tolleson** (20th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 998** Kelly, Joseph M.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **John Bulloch** (11th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 999** Fowler, Angelica L.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1000** Luders, Brandon; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Vincent Fort** (39th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1001** Davenport, Drew; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1002** Lane, Darin M.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1003** Lee, Adam; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Preston Smith** (52nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1004** Frady, Leigha A.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **George Hooks** (14th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1005** Howard, Edward; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06

- SR 1006** Anderson, Yolanda C.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **George Hooks** (14th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1007** Mayhew, Laura Lynn; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **John Wiles** (37th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1008** Murdock, Jeffery Z.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Ronnie Chance** (16th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1009** Svendsen, Amanda; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1010** Heyward, Quentin A.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Regina Thomas** (2nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1011** Dye III, Herbert J.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Eric Johnson** (1st)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1012** Cabinian, Melissa; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Brian Kemp** (46th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1013** Smoot, Barbara; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Doug Stoner** (6th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1014** Garrett, Kathi Lea; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Jack Hill** (4th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1015** Rose, Joseph Daniel; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Jack Hill** (4th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1016** Jaiteh, Suwaibou; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Sam Zamarripa** (36th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1017** Parks, Robbie; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Robert Brown** (26th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1018** Mehmood, Seleha Hina; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Dan Weber** (40th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1019** Beasley, Leigh; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Terrell Starr** (44th) and **Valencia Seay** (34th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1020** Jimoh, Olanrewaju Y.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1021** Ward, Katherine Ava; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Sam Zamarripa** (36th) and **Vincent Fort** (39th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06

- SR 1022** Cargile, Kathryn Bayman; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th) and **Ed Tarver** (22nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1023** Hinds, Kalon J.; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** and **Ed Tarver** (22nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1024** Maw, Michael Joseph William; commend
Sens. **Seth Harp** and **Joseph Carter** (13th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1025** CA: License Plates; specially designed; provide for dedication of certain revenue; support/promote equine industry
Sen. **Brian Kemp** (46th)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 02/28/06
- SR 1026** Stanford, Miss Jenna Morgan; recognize
Sens. **Joseph Carter** (13th) and **George Hooks** (14th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1027** Court Surcharges and Additional Fines, Senate Study Committee; create
Sens. **John Wiles** (37th); **Seth Harp** (29th); **Bill Hamrick** (30th);
Don Balfour (9th) and **David Adelman** (42nd)
Judiciary Committee – 02/28/06
- SR 1028** Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr. Memorial Highway; dedicate
Sen. **Steve Thompson** (33rd)
Transportation Committee – 02/28/06
- SR 1029** Glass, Mr. Sherwin; commend
Sens **Bill Stephens** (27th) and **David Adelman** (42nd)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1030** Georgia Capital Punishment Study Commission; create; study of death penalty; provide for powers; duties
Sens. **Vincent Fort** (39th); **Horacena Tate** (38th); **Regina Thomas** (2nd);
Valencia Seay (34th) and **Sam Zamarripa** (36th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/28/06
- SR 1031** Hardman, Dr. Ann L.; recognize
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1032** Hardman, Chasity R.; congratulate
Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1033** Cordele-Crisp County Fish Fry; recognize
Sen. **Joseph Carter** (13th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1034** SGT Mathew Vincent Gibbs Memorial Bridge; dedicate
Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Transportation Committee – 02/28/06
- SR 1035** St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Chairman James "Jay" Burke III; recognize
Sens. **Regina Thomas** (2nd) and **Eric Johnson** (1st)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06
- SR 1036** Macon Day in Atlanta-Taste of Macon; observing February 28, 2006
Sen. **Robert Brown** (26th)
Read and Adopted – 02/28/06

- SR 1037** Henry County High School Varsity Baseball Team; congratulate
Sens. **John Douglas** (17th); **Emanuel Jones** (10th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1038** 8U McDonough Dawgs Baseball Team; commend
Sens. **John Douglas** (17th); **Emanuel Jones** (10th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1039** Piedmont Healthcare; commend
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Valencia Seay** (34th); **Dan Moody** (56th);
Chip Pearson (51st); **Kasim Reed** (35th); **John Wiles** (37th) and others
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1040** CA: private property; governmental actions; provide additional methods
Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Nancy Schaefer** (50th); **Don Balfour** (9th);
Tommie Williams (19th) and **Eric Johnson** (1st)
Judiciary Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 1041** Hoard, Mr. Ed; commend
Sens. **Brian Kemp** (46th) and **Ralph Hudgens** (47th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1042** University of Georgia Gymnastics Team; commend
Sens. **Brian Kemp** (46th); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th);
Jim Whitehead, Sr. (24th); **Tommie Williams** (19th)
and **Eric Johnson** (1st)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1043** University of Georgia Women's Swimming Team; commend
Sens. **Brian Kemp** (46th); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th);
Jim Whitehead, Sr. (24th); **Tommie Williams** (19th)
and **Eric Johnson** (1st)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1044** University of Georgia Football Team; commend
Sens. **Brian Kemp** (46th); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th);
Jim Whitehead, Sr. (24th); **Tommie Williams** (19th)
and **Eric Johnson** (1st)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1045** Kidney Cancer Awareness Month; recognize March
Sens. **Don Thomas** (54th); **Greg Goggans** (7th); **Preston Smith** (52nd);
Renee Unterman (45th); **Dan Moody** (56th); **Dan Weber** (40th) and others
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1046** Cumbee, Clayton Andrew; Eagle Scout; commend
Sen. **Joseph Carter** (13th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1047** Griffeth, Brandon Duggar; Eagle Scout; commend
Sen. **Chip Rogers** (21st)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1048** Indigence Standard; ratifying minimum standard; fiscal impact
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **Preston Smith** (52nd)
Judiciary Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 1049** DeKalb County School System; congratulate
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Gloria Butler** (55th); **Steen Miles** (43rd);
Curt Thompson (5th); **David Adelman** (42nd) and **Dan Weber** (40th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06

- SR 1050** Southwest DeKalb High School's Advanced Placement United States History Students; commend
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **Gloria Butler** (55th); **Steen Miles** (43rd); **Curt Thompson** (5th); **David Adelman** (42nd) and **Dan Weber** (40th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1051** Boy Scout Day in Georgia; recognize March 1, 2006
Sens. **John Wiles** (37th); **Eric Johnson** (1st); **Don Balfour** (9th); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd); **Judson Hill** (32nd) and others
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1052** Craig, Mrs. Lucille; commend
Sens. **Bill Stephens** (27th) and **Chip Pearson** (51st)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1053** Banister, Mr. Barry W.; condolences
Sens. **Judson Hill** (32nd)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1054** Large, Jr., Lance Corporal Samuel W.; condolences
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1055** Chandler, Jr., Colonel John Chapple; condolences
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **Mitch Seabaugh** (28th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1056** Walker, Ms. Pam; commend
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **Kasim Reed** (35th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1057** Goggans, Matthew; Eagle Scout; commend
Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **Kasim Reed** (35th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1058** Bird, Mr. Claude E.; commend
Sen. **Tommie Williams** (19th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1059** Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Henry; congratulate
Sen. **Tommie Williams** (19th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06
- SR 1060** Turpin, Ms. Alexa; recognize
Sens. **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th) and **George Hooks** (14th)
Read and Adopted – 03/01/06

Senate Bills:

- SB 584** Henry County, State Court; provide additional judge; appointment; term of office
Sens. **Emanuel Jones** (10th); **John Douglas** (17th) and **Terrell Starr** (44th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/23/06
- SB 585** Tax Executions; provide ad valorem property taxes/assessments governed by Title 48; purchase/transfer of rights
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Dan Moody** (56th) and **Don Balfour** (9th)
Finance Committee – 02/23/06

- SB 586** Used Motor Vehicles Parts Dealers; mercury courtesy light switches removed; notify scrap metal processor
Sens. **Bill Heath** (31st); **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Greg Goggans** (7th) and **Seth Harp** (29th)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/23/06
- SB 587** Health; provide delegation of postoperative care for patient; eye surgery; definitions; comanagement agreements
Sens. **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Don Thomas** (54th); **Judson Hill** (32nd) and **Greg Goggans** (7th)
Health and Human Services Committee – 02/23/06
- SB 588** Social Security Numbers; prohibit the use/display of; specified circumstances
Sens. **Chip Rogers** (21st); **David Shafer** (48th) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee – 02/23/06
- SB 589** Jones County, Board of Education; nonpartisan elections; provide election of members
Sens. **Cecil Staton** (18th) and **Johnny Grant** (25th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/23/06
- SB 590** Voters Registration; participation by nonauthorized private entities
Sens. **Gloria Butler** (55th); **Sam Zamarripa** (36th); **Regina Thomas** (2nd); **Horacena Tate** (38th); **Valencia Seay** (34th); **Robert Brown** (26th) and others
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/23/06
- SB 591** Georgia Vote Count Protection Act; permanent tangible paper record
Sens. **Vincent Fort** (39th); **David Shafer** (48th); **Michael Meyer von Bremen** (12th); **Horacena Tate** (38th) and **Steve Henson** (41st)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/23/06
- SB 592** Disposition of Surplus Property; sale of certain property by fixed price
Sens. **Johnny Grant** (25th); **Jack Hill** (4th); **Brian Kemp** (46th) and **Seth Harp** (29th)
State Institutions and Property Committee – 02/23/06
- SB 593** Henry County; provide for advisory referendum election; certain districts
Sen. **John Douglas** (17th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/23/06
- SB 594** Scholarships; grants; loans; determine eligibility; provide for weighting of grades for honors, advanced placement courses
Sens. **Michael Meyers von Bremen** (12th); **Tim Golden** (8th); **Curt Thompson** (5th); **Robert Brown** (26th) and **Kasim Reed** (35th)
Higher Education Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 595** Hope Scholarship; reporting system for purposes of qualification; change data; provide notice
Sens. **Michael Meyers von Bremen** (12th); **Tim Golden** (8th); **Curt Thompson** (5th); **Robert Brown** (26th) and **Kasim Reed** (35th)
Higher Education Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 596** Delivering the Cure; *Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative Act*; provide for creation of commission; definitions; donations
Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Casey Cagle** (49th); **Joseph Carter** (13th); **Brian Kemp** (46th); **Jim Whitehead, Sr.** (24th) and **Don Thomas** (54th)
Health and Human Services Committee – 02/28/06

- SB 597** Tax Appeal Procedures; recovery of certain appeal costs by taxpayer; change provisions
Sens. **Chip Pearson** (51st); **Don Balfour** (9th); **Casey Cagle** (49th); **J. B. Powell** (23rd); **Nancy Schaefer** (50th) and **Bill Heath** (31st)
Finance Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 598** Sexual Offender; provide for requirements; entering a school, day-care center; penalties
Sens. **Jeff Mullis** (53rd); **Casey Cagle** (49th); **Bill Stephens** (27th); **Brian Kemp** (46th); **Nancy Schaefer** (50th) and **Dan Moody** (56th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 599** Land Surveyors; eligibility for certification; change requirements; definition
Sens. **Ross Tolleson** (20th); **Casey Cagle** (49th) and **John Bulloch** (11th)
Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 600** Death Penalty; provide moratorium on administration of death sentence
Sens. **Vincent Fort** (39th); **Horacena Tate** (38th); **Regina Thomas** (2nd); **Valencia Seay** (34th) and **Sam Zamarripa** (36th)
Special Judiciary Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 601** Georgia Public Safety Training Center; emergency medical personnel; provide training; change certain provisions
Sens. **Jeff Mullis** (53rd) and **Don Thomas** (54th)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 602** Human Resources, Dept.; mental health; require privatization of one/more state facilities; provide contracts
Sens. **Preston Smith** (52nd); **Jeff Mullis** (53rd); **Brian Kemp** (46th) and **Bill Stephens** (27th)
Health and Human Services Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 603** Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; enactment of rules/regulations; practitioner; revise definition
Sens. **Don Thomas** (54th); **Greg Goggans** (7th); **Don Balfour** (9th); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Renee Unterman** (45th) and **Jeff Mullis** (53rd)
Health and Human Services Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 604** Buffer Zones; provide for current use assessment for undeveloped land areas
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Ross Tolleson** (20th) and **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 605** Georgia Student Finance Authority; provide for direct loans; postsecondary institutions; definitions; eligibility requirements
Sens. **Seth Harp** (29th); **Bill Hamrick** (30th); **Steve Henson** (41st); **Don Balfour** (9th); **David Adelman** (42nd) and **Cecil Staton** (18th)
Higher Education Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 606** Funerals; prohibit disruptive conduct; elements of offenses; provide criminal penalty
Sens. **John Douglas** (17th); **Johnny Grant** (25th) and **Nancy Schaefer** (50th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 607** Physicians; prohibit certain activities in business establishments
Sen. **Preston Smith** (52nd)
Health and Human Services Committee – 02/28/06
- SB 608** Social Circle, City of; new charter; provide for corrections; oath, rules, procedures; rules and regulations
Sen. **John Douglas** (17th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/01/06

- SR 609** Hampton, City of; reincorporate; provide new charter; boundaries/powers of the city
Sen. **John Douglas** (17th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 610** Charter Schools; virtual/remote setting; computer/internet based instruction for students
Sens. **Dan Moody** (56th); **Don Balfour** (9th); **Terrell Starr** (44th); **Don Thomas** (54th) and **Ronnie Chance** (16th)
Education and Youth Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 611** Long-term Care Partnership Program; revise certain definitions
Sens. **Greg Goggans** (7th); **Tommie Williams** (19th); **Nancy Schaefer** (50th) and **Preston Smith** (52nd)
Health and Human Services Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 612** Hunting; vicinity of feeds; change certain provisions; provide penalties
Sens. **John Bulloch** (11th); **Greg Goggans** (7th); **Tommie Williams** (19th) and **George Hooks** (14th)
Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 613** Farmers' Markets; provide safety/security; law enforcement on the premises
Sens. **John Bulloch** (11th); **Brian Kemp** (46th); **Ralph Hudgens** (47th); **Ed Tarver** (22nd) and **Steve Henson** (41st)
Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 614** Women, Infants, and Children Program; violation by vendor; require notice
Sens. **John Bulloch** (11th); **Don Balfour** (9th); **Jack Hill** (4th); **George Hooks** (14th); **Tim Golden** (8th) and **Ed Harbison** (15th)
Health and Human Services Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 615** Alapaha Judicial Circuit; superior courts; change term of court
Sen. **Greg Goggans** (7th)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 616** Cobb Judicial Circuit; supplement paid to each judge of superior court
Sens. **John Wiles** (37th); **Judson Hill** (32nd); **Doug Stoner** (6th); **Steve Thompson** (33rd) and **Chip Rogers** (21st)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 617** Teachers/School Personnel Policy; provide grievance policy; revise certain definitions; provisions
Sen. **John Wiles** (37th)
Education and Youth Committee – 03/01/06
- SR 618** *Quality Basic Education Act*; eligibility of enrollment; children in custody; Dept. of Human Resources/ Juvenile Justice; change provisions
Sen. **Dan Moody** (56th)
Education and Youth Committee – 03/01/06

House Resolutions

- HR 1081** Joint Higher Education Finance and Formula Study Committee; create Reps. **Bob Smith** (113th); **Earl Ehrhart** (36th); **Ben Harbin** (118th); **Richard Royal** (171st); **Johnny Floyd** (147th) and **Chuck Scheid** (22nd)
Finance Committee – 02/28/06
- HR 1259** Chatham, Coweta, Douglas, Grady, and Muscogee counties; easements; authorize
Rep. **Terry Barnard** (166th)
State Institutions and Properties Committee – 02/28/06

HR 1395 Wiley T. Nixon Capitol Post Office; name
Reps. **Barry Loudermilk** (14th); **Glenn Richardson** (19th);
Jerry Keen (179th); **DuBose Porter** (143rd); **Carolyn Hugley** (133rd)
and **Calvin Smyre** (132nd)
State Institutions and Property Committee – 03/01/06

House Bills

HB 343 Valdosta State University's Peach State Summer Theatre; designate official musical theatre
Reps. **Ron Borders** (175th); **Ellis Black** (174th); **Jay Shaw** (176th) and **Penny Houston** (170th)
Rules Committee – 03/01/06

HB 363 Motor vehicles; state vehicles; license plates; requirements
Reps. **Jack Murphy** (23rd); **Tom Rice** (51st) and **Alan Powell** (29th)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 02/28/06

HB 376 Juries; exemption; caregivers of certain children
Reps. **Barry Loudermilk** (14th); **Barry Fleming** (117th);
John Lunsford (110th); **Jeff Lewis** (15th) and **Earl Ehrhart** (36th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/23/06

HB 513 Drivers' licenses; certain records; furnish to Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Reps. **Austin Scott** (153rd) and **Burke Day** (163rd)
Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 03/01/06

HB 883 Georgia Procurement Registry; certain bid advertisements; local governments
Reps. **John Lunsford** (110th); **David Knight** (126th); **John Yates** (73rd);
Willie Talton (145th); **Barry Loudermilk** (14th) and **Mary Oliver** (83rd)
State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/23/06

HB 881 Dispensing opticians; apprenticeship program; amend requirements
Reps. **Jill Chambers** (81st); **Sue Burmeister** (119th);
Karla Drenner (86th); **Michele Henson** (87th); **Stacey Reece** (27th)
and **Carl Rogers** (26th)
Health and Human Services Committee – 02/23/06

HB 986 Depositions; persons who are not legal U.S. residents; provisions
Reps. **John Lunsford** (110th); **Earl Ehrhart** (36th); **David Ralston** (7th);
Wendell Willard (49th) and **Edward Lindsey** (54th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/23/06

HB 1023 Marriage contract; age of majority; provisions
Reps. **Bobby Franklin** (43rd); **Ronald Forster** (3rd);
Wendell Willard (49th); **Roger Lane** (167th); **Jay Neal** (1st)
and **Edward Lindsey** (54th)
Judiciary Committee – 02/28/06

HB 1040 Carpet samples; raw material cost; fair market valuation; definitions
Reps. **Roger Williams** (4th); **Tom Dickson** (6th) and **Ronald Forster** (3rd)
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HB 1097 Outdoor advertising signs; restriction; amend
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